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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE  
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- KANSAS CITY CENTER

SUBJECT: Change to the Department of Defense Financial  
Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7A, Availability  
of Basic Allowance for Quarters for Certain Members  
Without Dependents Who Serve on Sea Duty DFAS Item F-75

This in Interim Change Number 06-97 to the DoDFMR, Volume 7,  
Part A. This change is effective July 1, 1997.

We have determined this change does not require any major  
changes to the current pay system. For the Denver Center, use  
that attached to initiate the formal printed change to the DoDFMR  
and the interim change.

Our point of contact, Mr. Clyde Saunders, may be reached at  
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Attachment:  
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**DFAS ITEM No. F-75**  
**DoDFMR Interim Change No. 06-97**  
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**1. Change paragraph 260201 to read.**

**260201. Entitlements**

**A. General.** Members without dependents who are entitled to basic pay are entitled to BAQ at the current rates prescribed in Table 26-9 and conditions contained in table 26-3. Members without dependents in pay grades E-7 and above, may elect at any time not to occupy government quarters at the permanent station and become entitled to BAQ unless the Secretary of the Service concerned, or the Secretary's designee, has determined that the member's exercise of this option would adversely affect a training mission, military discipline, or readiness. See Table 26-3, Rules 6 through 8 for BAQ entitlements while on field or sea duty.

**B. Members in Pay Grade E-6 not on Sea Duty.** Effective on or after 1 July 1996, a member without dependents who is in pay grade E-6 and who is assigned to quarters of the United States that do not meet the minimum adequacy standards established by the Department of Defense for members in such pay grade, or to a housing facility under the jurisdiction of a uniformed service that does not meet such standards, may elect not to occupy such quarters or facility and instead to receive the BAQ prescribed for the member's pay grade. The Secretary of the Service concerned, or the Secretary's designee, can deny BAQ if determined that the member's exercise of this option would adversely affect a training mission, military discipline, or readiness.

**C. Members on Sea Duty.** See Table 26-3, Rule 8 for BAQ entitlements while on sea duty.

**1. Members Without Dependents in Grade E-5 Assigned to Sea Duty.** On or after July 1, 1997, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, the Secretary may authorize the payment of BAQ to a member of a uniformed service without dependents who is serving in pay grade E-5 and is assigned to sea duty. In prescribing regulations under this subparagraph, the Secretary concerned shall consider the availability of quarters for members serving in pay grade E-5.

**2. Member Married to Member in Grades Below E-6 and Both are Assigned to Sea Duty.** On or after July 1, 1997, two members of the uniformed services in a pay grade below pay grade E-6 who are married to each other, have no other dependents, and are simultaneously assigned to sea duty are jointly entitled to one BAQ allowance during the period of such simultaneous sea duty. The amount of the allowance shall be based on the without

dependents rate for the pay grade of the senior member of the couple. However, this subparagraph will not apply to a couple if one or both of the members are entitled (E-6 and above) or authorized (E-5) to BAQ identified in subparagraph 260201.C1.

**2. Change Table 26-3, Note 14, add the next three sentences:**

Members in Grade E-5 without dependents assigned to sea duty may be authorized BAQ if appropriate considering the availability of quarters for E-5s. Member married to member below pay grade E-6 may be authorized one BAQ allowance. See paragraph 260201C.

**3. In the bibliography, add the following paragraphs and citations:**

| <b>Paragraph</b>              | <b>Citation</b>  |
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| 260201                        | Public Law 104-106, Section 603,<br>10 February 1996, 37 U.S.C. Section<br>403(b), as amended  |
| 260201C                       | Public Law 104-201, Section 604,<br>23 September 1996, 37 U.S.C. Section<br>403(c), as amended |
| Table 26-3<br>Rule 8, Note 14 | Public Law 104-201, Section 604,<br>23 September 1996, 37 U.S.C. Section<br>403(c), as amended |